

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-18, as amended, remain herein. Claims 11-18 are presently withdrawn from consideration. Claim 10 has been cancelled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in applicants' specification at p. 21, line 4—p. 22, line 26.

1. The Amendment filed November 18, 2009 was objected to as adding new matter.

Claims 1-9 have been amended, mooting the objection.

2. Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 9 are amended, mooting the rejection.

3. Claims 1-10 are amended, mooting the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

4. Claims 1-3, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Taniguchi U.S. Patent 6,105,432. However, Taniguchi fails to disclose “determining whether a contact mode... is a first contact mode... or a second contact mode...” as recited in applicants’ claims 1 and 9. To the contrary, Taniguchi discloses detecting only whether contact has been made, not a contact mode corresponding to when the contact is made.

Nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in this art to modify Taniguchi to provide every limitation of applicants’ claims. Nothing in Taniguchi provides any teaching that would have motivated one of ordinary skill in this art to distinguish two different contact modes.

For the foregoing reasons, Taniguchi is an inadequate basis for rejecting claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Accordingly, all claims 1-9 are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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